

all of the names noted as above set out, and after hearing such evidence as may be presented before them, shall determine whether such name shall remain upon said books, or shall be stricken off, and in case they shall decide that any of such names shall be stricken off, they shall draw a line in red ink through such names on the registration books, and shall write in red ink at the end of said line the words "stricken off" and the date. Any person desiring to become a candidate for Mayor or Councilman shall at least ten days before election, file or cause to be filed with one of the Supervisors of Election a petition stating that he or she is a candidate for the office, and reciting the numbers of the liber and folio where the deed or contract referred to in the preceding section is recorded among the Land Records of Prince George's County, which petition shall be signed by such candidate, and indorsed by at least fifteen persons entitled to vote in the next town election. Upon the filing of such petitions, the Mayor and Common Council shall print such persons names upon the ballot with a square opposite each, the names of the candidates for Mayor to be in one group and appearing in alphabetical order, and with the instruction to the voters to "vote for one", and the candidates for councilman to be in another group with the names appearing in alphabetical order and with the instruction to the voters to "vote for four." At least five days before any election the said Mayor and Common Council shall cause to be posted in ten or more public places in said town notices of said election, designating the place of voting, the hours the polls are open, and the names of the Judges and Clerks, and the names of the candidates for the respective offices. Immediately upon the closing of the polls the ballots shall be publicly counted and the Supervisors of Election shall within two days thereafter make a true and correct return of the votes so cast in a sealed envelope to the Mayor, and within seven days after such election the Mayor and Common Council shall meet and canvass said returns and declare those qualified persons receiving the highest number of votes for their respective offices duly elected. In case two or more persons shall have received the same number of votes so that there is no choice for office, the Mayor and Common Council shall cast the deciding vote and declare which one of the tied candidates are elected.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the Mayor and Councilmen elected shall hold office for one year from the second Monday in May or until their successors shall be elected or appointed, and qualified as herein provided. In case any person elected Mayor or Councilman shall fail to qualify within thirty days after election day, or in case of any va-